

# NATaT Update for the Township Officials of Illinois

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# WHO ARE WE?

NATaT is made up of over 10,000 towns and townships across 8 states, including:

- Illinois
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Ohio
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Michigan
- North Dakota



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# WHO ARE WE?

- NATaT Board of Directors includes Executive Directors of state town/township organizations, and in some cases, one additional state representative.
- Each state has 2 votes.
- Working with NATaT staff, the Board adopts a “Federal Platform” each year detailing NATaT’s priorities.



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# WHO ARE WE?

- Currently in a strategic planning process to assess who we are and who we want to be.
- Newly adopted mission statement:

*“The National Association of Towns and Townships uniquely provides Federal advocacy, education, and networking opportunities that foster the success of America’s rural and suburban communities, and their local governments.”*



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# FEDERAL ADVOCACY

- Introducing/passing bills
  - VRIPA, LOSAP, transportation, advance refunding, housing bill for volunteer first responders
- Defending priorities
  - Truck weight/length, tax-exempt muni bonds
- Impacting bill language/federal rulemaking
  - ARPA, STREAMLINE, MUTCD sign retroreflectivity, WOTUS
- Keeping NATaT engaged with federal decisionmakers and associations/groups with similar goals
  - White House IGA, federal agencies
  - NACo, NLC, USCM, NVFC, NATOA, GFOA, etc.



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# EDUCATION

- Educating NATaT Members
  - NATaT Special Reports on legislative and regulatory action
  - Access to subject-matter experts
  - Webinars
  - Weekly legislative reports
- Educating Congress and federal agencies
  - Role of town/township form of government and our federal priorities



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# NETWORKING

- Opportunity to share best practices
- Forum to discuss strategies to address state issues
- Enhanced opportunity to connect with other local government associations



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# QUESTIONS?

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